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The pathway for a Certified Surgical Technologist to become a Surgical First Assist:

Hand on experience in the operating room (On the job training)

1. A Certified Surgical Technologist must have a qualified facility sponsor for experience training.
2. The CST must submit a notarized pre-authorized form signed by the Facility Director of Surgery.
3. The CST must document 200 Surgical First Assist cases that meet the case experience requirement with the notarized verification form.
4. The CST applies for and passes the Surgical First Assist exam through NBSTSA (National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting).

Attending an Accredited Program:

The Certified Surgical Technologist completes the required classroom and hands on clinical training in the operating room and successfully passes the exam through the NBSTSA.

Personal supervision of the physician in the operating room is what the applicant group is seeking. This is defined as having the physical attendance of the physician in the room during the performance of a service or procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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